



*St. Mary's Catholic Primary School,
Chiswick
Autumn Term Newsletter
25th November 2016*

What's happening this week?

Tuesday 29th November
School photograph order deadline

Friday 2nd December
Mufti day – cakes
Parent Forum 9:05 start

Saturday 3rd December
Christmas Fair at the
Town Hall

What's happening the following week?

Last week of clubs

Monday 5th December
Year 4 to attend Parish
Mass – parent volunteers
required

Tuesday 6th December
EYFS & KS1 production
9:15 start

**Wednesday 7th
December**
EYFS & KS1 production
9:15 start

Friday 8th December
Pyjama day
Year 1-3 Snow Queen
production

TSPH-The Shelter Project Hounslow

This year as part of our Advent preparation we would like to support The Shelter Project Hounslow www.tsph.org
This project coordinates a rota of local churches which open their doors to those sleeping rough in our neighbourhood from the months of December to March. On Tuesday nights they are the guests of Our Lady of Grace and St Edward.
After the Early years production on 6th and 7th December and again after The Carol Service on 15th December there will be the opportunity to donate to this very worthwhile project .A collection will be taken as you leave to help those who are in urgent need of our support this winter.

PTA request

Please could we ask for any old books that are no longer required to be brought in on Monday so that they can be sold at the Christmas Fair next Saturday.

Headlice

We have had reports from a number of classes that children have been coming home with headlice, please could you check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

Pyjama Day

Pyjama Day is fast approaching (Friday 9th December.) In exchange for a donation (suggested donation £1) your children can wear their pyjamas to school for a whole day. We are raising funds for The Saint Milagrosa Elementary school in Jose Panganiban in the Philippines. All donated funds will be used to help the school renovate and hopefully build two much needed extra classrooms.

St Mary's Choirs

Following on from our last Parent Forum we said that we would aim to clear up any confusion surrounding the choirs at school. There are two choirs. The first is called School Choir and provides an opportunity for all children who want to sing and learn to do it better. The second choir, known as Choir Club is more specialist and is a gathering of the most accomplished singers to give them the opportunity to take their singing to an even higher level, including participating in competitions. Both choirs are established to teach children to sing better and both choirs are very successful in doing that. Like learning or improving in any other musical instrument, improvement in singing requires commitment to regular practice. If children do not attend regularly they hold themselves

and the group back in learning new songs and new harmonies. Where a child is not showing the necessary commitment by not turning up to choir practice or turning up sporadically we have taken the view that it is fairer to them and the rest of the children if they cease to attend choir. This would happen if a child misses choir three times without reason. Where a child is absent because of illness, or some other authorised reason – that does not count.

School Choir meets on Mondays and Thursdays before school, from 8.15 to 8.50 AM
Choir Club – the specialist choir – meets on Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes from 12.00 to 12.30

After school clubs

Children need to be wearing school PE kit to take part in the after school PE clubs, as many of the children get changed in the middle of the school day.

Choir concert

The KS2 choirs will be holding a concert on November 30th at 2.00 pm in the middle hall to showcase their wonderful voices. All parents/cares are invited to attend. Following the show there will be a collection; monies collected will go towards purchasing musical items for the music department.

School Photographs

Please remember to return school photographs orders as soon as possible, the deadline is Tuesday 29th November.

Parent Forum

Reminder that there is a Parent Forum meeting on Friday 2nd November. If you wish to take part please inform the office or Mr O'Reilly. It will be on school dinners, the OFSTED report, The Sunday Times rankings and a few more topics.

Dinner Money

A gentle reminder that dinner money should be paid in advance not arrears please check your

account via Parentpay

Parent helpers required

KS2 will be going to church on Friday 2nd, Monday 12th, Wednesday 14th all from 1-3pm & Thursday 15th from 10:30-12pm in order to practice for our Carol Concert. We need approximately eight helpers each day to walk us down and back to school. If you are able to help on any of the dates please inform your child's class teacher.

Many thanks in advance,

KS2 team

Sport update

Congratulations to our 23 QuickSticks Hockey players who competed in the Borough finals this week.

Two of our teams progressed to the last 16 where, in a cruel draw, they had to play each other.

The Y5 team should take heart that they were the only team who scored against our A Team who went on to win their semi-final 2-0.

The atmosphere was electric before the final with so many peers and parents cheering from the sidelines.

It was a tight game but St Mary's proved their resilience with a decisive goal from top scorer Jack B.

So off now to the London School Games at Crystal Palace to compete against the top 30 teams in London.

This is an awesome result from an awesome school who punch above their weight in sports competitions.

Who are we?

Team St Mary's!

House Points winners

Year 1 – Bernadette (13)

Year 2 - August (33)

Year 3 – Isabella S (15)

Year 4 – Lorcan (23)

Year 5 – Oliver (24)

Year 6 – Amelia (15)

House Points totals

St Edward's – 558

St Joseph's – 626

St Anne's - 549

Star of the Week Award

Year 1 - Max

Year 2 - Ruben

Year 3 - Oliver

Year 4 - Shreya

Year 5 – Lily

Year 6 - Michelle

Teacher's Award

Year 1 – Lola

Year 2 - Kat

Year 3 – Michael

Year 4 – Sophia Grace

Year 5 - Maximo

Year 6 – Luca

Congratulations to all our award winners this week.

We hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

St Mary's staff